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Letter dated 24 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the earlier complaint that we submitted to the Council on 10 April 2012, concerning the occupation of the Heglig region by the Republic of South Sudan and the confirmation that we set forth therein to the effect that rebel movements from Darfur were involved in that attack, I should like to inform you that a group of those rebels, who were hosted by the State of South Sudan, has decamped from the Raja region in the province of Bahr al-Ghazal in the Republic of South Sudan and attacked the military garrison of the Sudanese Army and the headquarters of the joint Sudanese-Chadian-Central African forces in the area of Um Dafuq in Southern Darfur province. The garrison was overrun after 48 Sudanese soldiers had been killed, together with 11 Central African forces men from the joint forces. Four civilian citizens were also killed in the attack and the rebels, supported by South Sudan State forces, stole 10 Landcruiser vehicles, a petrol tanker and quantities of arms and ammunition. The Um Dafuq market was set ablaze and its contents plundered, and the regional communications network was destroyed.

After perpetrating this repugnant and barbaric attack, those forces remained in the Raja area, inside the borders of the Republic of South Sudan, preparing to attack the copper mining region in the territory of the Republic of the Sudan. The Republic of South Sudan is attempting to conceal its aggression against the Republic of the Sudan by claiming that the Sudan is carrying out aerial bombardments of its territory, but this is purely diversionary and an attempt to distract the attention of the international community from its aggression against the Republic of the Sudan in South Kordofan, the Blue Nile and all provinces of Darfur.

As we yet again place on the Security Council table irrefutable testimony of the involvement of the Republic of South Sudan in providing sponsorship and support for rebel groups in Darfur, and in inciting them to carry out destructive military operations in the Sudan, we call upon the Council to seek inspiration in the role conferred upon it by the Charter of the United Nations and take the decisive and urgent measures with regard to the Republic of South Sudan that are necessary in order to ensure that it ends forthwith its support for those rebel groups.

In conclusion, I should be grateful if this complaint could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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